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1. GEN. WESTMORELAND HAS FORMALLY SIGNED OFF ON AGREED FIGURES AND IRREGULAR QUANTIFICATION PARAGRAPH. UNDERSTAND HE HAS FORMALLY REPORTED TO CHAIRMAN JCS THAT AGREEMENT ON FIGURES WAS REACHED AND HE HAS ENDORSED RESULT. THUS OUR BASIC MISSION NOW SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

2. I HAD GOOD SESSION WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER, REPORTING OUR AGREEMENT WITH MACV AND OUTLINING SALIENT ELEMENTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS BUT OMITTING DETAILS NOW BETTER FORGOTTEN. HE REVIEWED AGREED FIGURES AND DRAFT PARAGRAPHS AND ENDORSED THEM WITHOUT RESERVATION. AMBASSADOR MOST PLEASED THAT WASHINGTON AND SAIGON COULD NOW SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY ABOUT WASHINGTON DELEGATION MISSION AND SAID WESTMORELAND HAD ALREADY PHONED HIM TO

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RELAY SIMILAR VIEWS.

3. AT BUNKER REQUEST, WE THEN ENGAGED
IN NOTE AND IMPRESSION COMPARING DISCUSSION
OF CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE, PARTICULARLY
KY-THIEU RELATIONSHIP. ^AEMBASSADOR HAD
HIGH PRAISE FOR STATION AND SUPPORT IT
GIVES HIM. HE MADE PARTICULAR POINT OF
PRAISING PERFORMANCE
AND ²PROFESSIONALISM, IN WHICH BUNKER OBVIOUSLY
HAS GREAT CONFIDENCE.

4. AFTER BUNKER SESSION, I
SPENT TWO HOURS WITH GEN. SIDLE, MACV
PIO, DISCUSSING SCENARIO FOR PRESS
BUNKER GOUNDER ON NEW FIGURES. MACV,
PRESENTATION WILL MAKE NO MENTION
WHATEVER OF NIE.

5. ONLY REMAINING TASK IS MENDING
OF PERSONAL FEELINGS WITH GEN. DAVIDSON.
HE IS ABLE OFFICER WITH UNCOM STATION
MUST DEAL CLOSELY AND WITH WHOM WE

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IN WASHINGTON SHOULD MAINTAIN RECIPROCALLY
USEFUL COMMUNICATION. DAVIDSON AND I MEETING FOR
DRINKS ON 15 SEPTEMBER.

6. EARLIEST AVAILABLE RESERVATION IS
PAN AM 2 ON 16 SEPTEMBER. WILL STOP
AT HONOLULU TO BRIEF CINCPAC STAFF
AS PROMISED AND WILL BE AT HQS
OOB TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER.

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